

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 1, 2008

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 95**

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**Introduced by Senators Aanestad and Cox**

March 25, 2008

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 95, as amended, Aanestad. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This measure would designate the month of September 2008 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California. Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one  
2 in six men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and that  
3 there will be approximately 186,320 new cases of the disease in  
4 the United States in the current year, resulting in nearly 28,660  
5 deaths; and  
6 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common  
7 cancer among men in all race and ethnic groups. African American  
8 men are 50 percent more likely to develop this disease than any  
9 other group of men; and  
10 WHEREAS, In California, approximately 22,600 men will be  
11 diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more than  
12 eight California men will die of this disease; and  
13 WHEREAS, While prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer  
14 deaths in men, little is known about this disease and there are  
15 usually no symptoms in the early stages; and

1 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when  
2 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 32  
3 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

4 WHEREAS, Early detection is key to survival and the American  
5 Cancer Society recommends that every man should be offered  
6 screening tests determined by his age and risk factor, including an  
7 annual prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital *rectal*  
8 examination; and

9 WHEREAS, Men who have several close relatives who have  
10 been diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age should begin  
11 their testing at 40 years of age; and

12 WHEREAS, Men who have a father, son, or brother who was  
13 diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age, and all  
14 African American men, should begin testing at 45 years of age;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Other men ~~who have a life expectancy of at least~~  
17 ~~60 years of age~~ should begin testing at 50 years of age *if they have*  
18 *a life expectancy of at least an additional 10 years*; now, therefore,  
19 be it

20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of  
22 September 2008 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State  
23 of California and that public officials and citizens of California  
24 are encouraged to observe the month with appropriate activities  
25 and programs; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our  
27 nation to increase the awareness of the importance of early  
28 detection and treatment of prostate cancer; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.